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REMARKS

Allowed Claims

In the November 18, 2003 Office Action, the Office found claims 21, 26, 27 and 51-54 to be allowable.

Rejection of Claims

In the November 18, 2003 Office Action, claims 57, 58 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have cancelled claim 61 and amended claims 57 and 58, thereby obviating this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims meet all requirements of patentability and are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain outstanding, incident to allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss their resolution, in order that this application may be passed to issue at an early date.

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